Resources

www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org

Visit our website for information on a variety of recycling and waste related topics.

www.WhereDoITakeMy.org

Wondering what to do with bricks, bicycles, and other odd items? Check this database for a list of places to take your hard-to-recycle items.

www.2Good2Toss.com

Use this resource to sell items under $200 or give them away for free. You can also post want ads and list reuse-themed events.

Other reuse sites:

- www.freecycle.org
- http://seattle.craigslist.org

Newsletters

For the latest news on recycling and waste prevention, sign up for one of our e-newsletters. Choose from general waste news, waste prevention at work, and more Sign up now at www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org.

Look for our *Talkin' Trash* newsletter in your mailbox each spring and fall. The semi-annual publication is full of waste related news items, tips, and resources.

Join the conversation online!

Contact us

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Who we are and what we do

Helping you close the loop

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Programs and services

Chances are, you already recycle at your home or workplace. But what about preventing waste in the first place by purchasing less packaging or making reusable materials available to others? The education staff at Thurston County Solid Waste has the answers. Contact us now, and let's do more by creating less waste!

Presentations

Our staff gives presentations for your classroom, workplace, or community group. Learn about reuse, recycling, composting, green purchasing, and more.

Technical assistance

We can help your business or school set up or fine-tune your recycling or composting program. We can also suggest waste prevention strategies.

Youth outreach

We provide presentations and volunteer opportunities for classrooms, scout troops, youth groups, and individuals. We can also work with high school students to develop culminating projects that focus on waste prevention or recycling.

Events

We provide education and fun activities at Thurston County community events.

We can also help you plan a waste-free special event and loan you portable recycle and compost collection bins.

Master Recycler Composters volunteer program

Master Recycler Composters are trained volunteers who share the basics of recycling and home composting to others. Volunteers participate in a variety of waste reduction activities and community events. They also volunteer in their own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces to encourage waste prevention, recycling, and composting.

To learn more about this program, call 867-2162 or visit http://county.wsu.edu/thurston and click the "Master Recycler Composters" link.

Backyard composting

Starting a compost pile or worm bin? Contact the Master Recycler Composters Q&A Clinic at 867-2163 or email master@co.thurston.wa.us for a list of free workshops.

The Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County sells compost bins to county residents at a discount. Order by calling 481-4204 or visit www.compostbinsthurstoncounty.com.

Recycle and compost

... At home

Whether you live in a house, apartment, or condo, we can help you make the most of available recycling services.

For questions about what goes into your recycle carts, call us at 867-2491.

Call your service provider for information about collection schedules or to sign up for service.

... At work

We offer free assistance to help you prevent waste at work. Call us for employee presentations, waste assessments, and help with greener purchasing.

Call Emily Orme at 867-2086.

. . . At play

Need help recycling or composting at your event? We'll loan you free collection bins! They're perfect for neighborhood block parties, family BBQs, and company picnics.

Call Brian Stafki at 709-3053.

... At school

We can help your school start recycling, composting at lunch, and preventing waste in other ways!

Call Peter Guttchen at 709-3013.